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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 23-Feb-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 02/23/02	PREVIOUS WEEK 02/16/02
BRO-FRY	156,661	158,875
LT HENS	2,035	1,873
HVY HENS	1,388	1,228

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA  
 WEEKS ENDING 16-Feb-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	345	12	357
LAST WEEK	455	0	455
SAME WK YR AGO	557	21	578
TO DATE 2002	2,448	20	2,468
TO DATE 2001	3,776	48	3,824

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,064	1,198	3,262
LAST WEEK	2,317	1,249	3,566
SAME WK YR AGO	2,142	1,508	3,650
TO DATE 2002	15,136	8,859	23,995
TO DATE 2001	16,410	8,932	25,342

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 16-Feb-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	157,980 (A)	1,719	1,186	2,905
AVG WT	5.03	3.70	7.90	5.42
LAST WEEK	155,316	1,862	1,249	3,111
SAME WEEK YR AGO	150,590	1,585	1,487	3,072
AVG WT	4.97	3.36	7.90	5.55
TO-DATE/2002	1,059,932	12,688	8,839	21,527
TO-DATE/2001	1,043,702	12,634	8,884	21,518

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 159.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.9 million head or 4.0 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING February 9, 2002**

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
HEAD	32,165	17,526	53,890
AVG WEIGHT	3.73	4.77	6.12
% OF TOTAL /1	31%	17%	52%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	36,117	19,445	49,841
AVG WEIGHT	3.86	4.72	6.10
% OF TOTAL /1	34%	18%	47%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	35,049	21,803	46,960
AVG WEIGHT	3.91	4.79	5.99
% OF TOTAL /1	34%	21%	45%
TO DATE/2002	184,062	124,825	280,888
TO DATE/2001	200,068	155,912	270,761

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 16-Feb-02  
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,853	2,695	52	13	4,613
AVG WT	16.39	36.98	24.63	28.55	28.55
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,813	2,759	38	5	4,615
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,956	2,682	29	17	4,684
AVG WT	16.71	34.68	21.87	29.23	27.07
TO-DATE/2002	11,882	18,033	264	54	30,233
TO-DATE/2001	13,103	18,325	212	101	31,741

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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